



2018 PERTH DONATION FORM

Thank you for donating to The 2018 MACA Ride to Conquer Cancer® benefiting Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

WHO ARE YOU DONATING TO?

Name _____ Participant Number _____

Please mail this form with your donation to this address:

**The Ride to Conquer Cancer
16/42 Wattle Rd,
Brookvale, NSW 2100**

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- Each cheque must come with its own donation form.
- All donations will be credited in Australian dollars. We cannot accept cash donations.
- All donations are 100% tax deductible, tax receiptable (if you donate \$2 or more), non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Ask your company if they provide matching gifts for donations.

CHOOSE YOUR LEVEL OF DONATION.

We're grateful for anything you can give. Every dollar counts in the fight to save lives!

- Honorary Rider** **\$2,500**
- Crusader** **\$1,500**
- Speedster** **\$1,000**
- Explorer** **\$500**
- Roadie** **\$250**
- Free Wheeler** (any amount) \$ _____

- Recurring Donation**
_____ monthly donations of \$ _____
(Monthly payments must be \$25 or higher and cannot extend beyond Dec. 31, 2018.)

Please enter your name or message as you would like it to appear on the participant's Honour Roll.

- _____
- I prefer not to show the amount of my gift on the participant's Honour Roll.
 - Make my donation anonymous.

SELECT BETWEEN TWO EASY PAYMENT OPTIONS.

Personal Cheque
Single payment in full only. Please make cheques payable to: The MACA Ride to Conquer Cancer. Include participant name and number on all cheques.

Credit Card
Single or monthly payments. Your monthly statement(s) will read The MACA Ride to Conquer Cancer. Payments commence immediately upon the processing of this form by the donation office.

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YOUR DOLLARS TO WORK

IMPACT & USE OF FUNDS

Since 2012, thanks to the extraordinary commitment and dedication of thousands of Riders and Crew, the MACA Ride to Conquer Cancer® has raised over \$27.5 million for the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, and is the largest cycling fundraiser in Western Australia.

With your support, the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research is on a mission to improve the health of Western Australians through cutting edge research that translates into new ways to prevent and treat disease. Closely linked to the major teaching hospitals, the Perkins is uniquely positioned to fast track the development of new treatments and better ways to diagnose disease.

The world-leading doctors, researchers, scientists and clinicians at the Perkins use Ride funds to support cancer research, acquire new equipment and facilities, and retain experts to lead this vital work.

RESEARCH

Several life-saving cancer research programs which include breast, prostate, melanoma, colon, head and neck and liver are underway at the Perkins as a result of Ride-funded dollars.

The purpose of these programs is to test new ideas for tackling cancer, promote new collaborations between cancer research teams and increase cross-fertilisation of ideas. Money raised through The Ride is enabling the continuity of these promising new programs, some examples of which include:

- a new way to treat breast cancer cells using nanoparticles
- a new drug that increases blood flow to cancers increasing their response to chemotherapy
- a new way to make liver cells from stem cells
- a new genetic cause of prostate cancer due to an abnormality in the energy powerhouse of the cell, the mitochondrion
- new ways to treat triple negative breast cancer
- new ways of treating advanced melanoma with small RNAs

BEST PEOPLE AT THE PERKINS

The funds raised through the MACA Ride to Conquer Cancer play an important role in enabling us to continue to attract and retain high-class cancer researchers to the Perkins. Furthermore Ride funds allow the Perkins to make strategic investment decisions that leverage further grant funding opportunities.

A great example of this is Professor Alistair Forrest who the Perkins were able to recruit back home to Perth in 2014 with funding through the Ride. Professor Alistair Forrest, an Australian Eureka Prize recipient, and his multi-disciplinary team of scientists and clinicians will establish a world-class single-cell sequencing facility at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

Professor Alistair Forrest's work was recognised in 2017, with a \$6.75m grant from The Cancer Research Trust to develop a ground-breaking new facility in collaboration with 18 other research institutes, which will deliver major insights into tumour biology, cancer progression, methods for earlier detection and innovative new ways to kill cancer cells.

Ride funds have also supported Dr Brendan Kennedy from the Perkins Biomedical Engineering program. Dr Kennedy and his team have developed innovative technologies to reduce the need for secondary surgeries for breast cancer patients. These tools have since attracted commercial funding and are being tested in clinical trials.

Over the past six years, more than 50 Perkins researchers have been supported by funds raised by Ride, often providing a vital safety net for our brightest and most talented medical researchers who often find themselves without grant funding for short periods of time.

In 2016, Ride funding supported a high quality cancer laboratory head who had previously received NHMRC and the National Heart Foundation funding. Her research is focussed on finding new treatments for cancer by developing a targeted delivery platform. We are very pleased that this investigator has recently been awarded a four year Cancer Council Fellowship to continue her important work at the Perkins. This is an example of how the funds are used to retain the best people and an example of excellent leverage.

In partnership with you, the Perkins is committed to building and recruiting highly skilled research teams that will comprise doctors, scientists, statisticians and other support areas, working together in large teams. These teams will translate their knowledge and discoveries into better treatments and outcomes by helping to improve our understanding of how cancers work and why they develop. This will improve our ability to match individual patients to the treatments most likely to work for them.

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

Funds raised through the Ride have enabled the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research to purchase state-of-the-art equipment needed to carry out the vital research programs now underway.

Funds have also been used to employ staff to operate the core research facilities used by all cancer researchers, a critical aspect of performing high quality cancer research. These include machines, for example, that allow us to separate cancer cells derived from patient samples into single cells for more detailed study using a "cell sorter".

Thank you so much – in partnership with the Perkins you are making an enormous difference to the future of thousands of Western Australians.

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